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SUBJECT: NEW TIME ARTICLE ASSOCIATES JOSEF MENGELE WITH
GENOCIDE AGAINST ACHE INDIANS.

1. THE SEPTEMBER 26 ISSUE OF TIME MAGAZINE CONTAINS
AN ARTICLE ON SIMON WIESENTHAL'S SEARCH FOR JOSEF MENGELE.
THE ARTICLE STATES THAT MENGELE IS NOW LIVING IN SAN
ANTONIO, PARAGUAY, WITH ANOTHER HOUSE IN PUERTO STROESSNER.
IT DESCRIBES HIS RECENT ACTIVITIES IN PARAGUAY AND
CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING CHARGE, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
ADD FUEL TO THE CHARGES OF GENOCIDE WHICH HAVE BEEN
BROUGHT AGAINST THE GOP.

2. QUOTE. THE UGLIEST SPECULATION ABOUT MENGELE IS THAT
ONCE AGAIN HE MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF A
PEOPLE - THOUGH ON A MUCH SMALLER SCALE. DESPITE
PARAGUAYAN DENIALS, TIME'S SOURCES BELIEVE THAT HE SERVES
AS AN ADVISER TO THE PARAGUAYAN POLICE AND FREQUENTLY
TRAVELS TO THE REMOTE CHACO REGION WHERE THE ACHE INDIANS
ARE BEING HUNTED DOWN OR REDUCED TO SLAVE LABOR THROUGH
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TECHNIQUES THAT ARE CHILLINGLY REMINISCENT OF THOSE OF THE
GERMAN WORK CAMPS. A HIGH PARAGUAYAN POLICE OFFICIAL

BOASTED TO A VISITING INVESTIGATOR THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
USES "GERMAN METHODS" IN DEALING WITH THE INDIANS. UNQUOTE.

3. ARA WAS ADVISED OF THE STORY BEFORE ITS PUBLICATION,

AND BOTH AMBASSADOR LANDAU AND DESK OFFICER GRAHAM SPOKE TO TIME'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, STROBE TALBOTT. WE OFFERED THE EMBASSY'S REPORTING ON THE GENOCIDE CHARGES AND AMBASSADOR LANDAU STRESSED THAT HE HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN MENGELE AND THE INDIANS. THE PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR, WHEN QUERIED BY TIME, BLAMED THE GENOCIDE CHARGES ON THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION.

4. THE DECISION TO PUBLISH THE STORY WAS APPARENTLY MADE AFTER TIME RECHECKED WITH PROFESSOR RICHARD ARENS WHO, ACCORDING TO TALBOTT, STATED THAT HE IS MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER OF THE TRUTH OF HIS GENOCIDE CHARGES FOLLOWING HIS TRIP TO PARAGUAY.

5. THE ABOVE IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY FURTHER EMBASSY VESTIGATION OF THE GENOCIDE CHARGES AND ALLEGED MENGELE CONNECTION ARE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. IT IS FOR THE GOP TO ANSWER THE TIME ARTICLE RATHER THAN US.

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